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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director

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1. I called Bill Miller to see what if anything has been resolved with respect to [redacted]. To date Bill said that the Chairman and Vice Chairman have not made a decision, but he believes that nothing in substance changes his initial proposition that the staff should have access. Bill argues that backing away from these two countries would be a mistake. It challenges effective oversight. The question as Bill sees it becomes a question of protecting the sensitive features of these two covert activities and not one of declining to share the total information with the Senate Select Committee.

2. I personally cannot disagree with Bill's overall analysis of the problem. The integrity of this committee with its special mandate must be preserved. However, we have maintained the SSC's integrity by briefing the Chairman and Vice Chairman. Thus I do not see how we are challenging effective oversight as such. Rather, we are at the age old question of "need to know" and this I believe is manageable.

3. No decision has been made by the Chairman. I think we ought to consider what our most liberal position would be recognizing that Senators without staff are at times like fish without water. I would suggest that a single senior staff person, such as Bill Bader, be given full access and that we work with Bader and Miller to deal with the problem in such a compartmented fashion. Since Frank Church has already indicated that public reporting in this area will not take place, the issue boils down to our willingness to give additional access to the information to a staff person. Based upon such an understanding, cleared with the White House, I would recommend we go forward.

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